

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 3, 2022 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 3rd day of February 2022, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

Proclaiming January 30 – February 5, 2022, as Catholic Schools Week in Erie County

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County that enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

WHEREAS, National Catholic Schools Week began in 1974 to celebrate and promote the value of Catholic education and its contributions to the church, community, and nation; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools offer an education that combines Catholic faith with academic excellence, partnering with parents in the formation of their children's hearts and minds; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools have a ninety-nine percent high school graduation rate with eighty-five percent of graduates attending college; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Schools emphasize moral development, including self-discipline, respect, service to others, and the importance of becoming productive citizens and leaders; and

WHEREAS, established in 1849, St. Mary School of Swormville provides a faith-based learning environment promoting faith, family, knowledge, service, and tradition to students and families from more than ten area school districts; and

WHEREAS, the mission at St. Mary's is for students to use their God-given talents to reach their full potential academically, socially, and spiritually while learning in a Catholic atmosphere of concerned and supportive involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to proclaim the week of January 30 through February 5 as "**Catholic Schools Week**" and recognize the vital role of Catholic education and its contributions to promoting Faith, Excellence, and Service in Erie County.

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